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HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, For the past 16 years, until the convening of the 62nd Legislature, the Texas House of Representatives has counted among its Members one of the outstanding Texas legislators of all time, the Honorable R. H. "Dick" Cory, who represented District 43, Victoria and Calhoun counties; and

WHEREAS, This affable and personable man with the seemingly inexhaustible supply of energy has been the right hand of successive leaderships in the House during his entire tenure; he has the exceptional ability of being able to gain the respect and admiration of all his colleagues, whether they carry the tag "liberal" or "conservative," because they have full confidence that his motives are directed entirely toward the good of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, In speaking of the great loss to state government resulting from the retirement of this distinguished gentleman from the Texas Legislature, Speaker Gus F. Mutscher said: "During my years in the Texas House of Representatives, I have known of no one who was more dedicated than Dick Cory. His knowledge of the job, his willingness to work and his dedication to the best interests of the citizens of Texas were exemplary. There was no task, large or small, which he did not perform when called upon, and his mark will be left on the State of Texas"; and

WHEREAS, The list of important legislation which this eminent statesman has introduced in the legislature reads like the

entire docket of a major legislative committee, and many of the measures resulted in greater efficiency and integrity in state government; he was one of the three authors of the Lobbyist Control bill, was author of a Law Enforcement Study Commission measure, author of the Little Hoover Commission bill, co-author of the teachers' pay raise bill of 1961 and co-author of the Teachers' Retirement Act of 1963 and the teacher's pay raise bills of 1965 and 1967; and

WHEREAS, He was also the author of the Engineers Licensing Law of 1965, of congressional, senatorial and legislative redistricting bills, of a water pollution control measure, a bill providing for revision of the state's community property law (1967), and a bill creating the Texas Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, He also introduced and saw to final passage a measure creating a Commission on Constitutional Revision, of which he became a member and which he guided through many tedious hours of work and public hearings to a completed report that will be of inestimable value should the State of Texas decide that a new Constitution replacing the patchwork Constitution of 1876 is needed; and

WHEREAS, Commenting on Dick Cory's service, Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes described him as "one of the most able and dedicated public servants that ever held an elected office. His unselfish service and outstanding leadership have been of immense personal help to me"; and

WHEREAS, His efforts on behalf of his constituents and the entire Gulf Coast area are equally notable, and his concern for

members of his district and their wishes can best be described by a statement of a Victoria constituent: "Whenever three people got together (in the district), Dick Cory was always one of the three"; and

WHEREAS, Another case in point is the story of his ready availability to those in his district: he was invited to speak to a Home Demonstration Club on one occasion, and the time coincided with a torrential rainstorm; nevertheless Dick Cory arrived at the door with shoes and socks in hand after wading to the home where the meeting was scheduled. Only three of the twenty members were present, but Dick spoke just the same; and

WHEREAS, This adopted 52-year-old Texan is more seriously concerned about Texas wildlife than the most ardent native naturalist; he was author of the bill creating a refuge for roseate spoonbills in Refugio County and also authored measures setting up bird sanctuaries all along the Texas coast; he was leader in the successful fight to protect the breeding grounds of the magnificent whooping cranes at Aransas Wildlife Refuge; and

WHEREAS, This estimable citizen's sense of public obligation has not been confined to his membership in the Texas Legislature, despite his heavy duties of office in serving on major standing and interim committees of the House--the rules committee, state affairs committee, insurance committee, revenue and taxation committee, and the Texas Legislative Council. A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley with a bachelor of arts degree, he also holds <sup>Gen</sup> ~~LLD~~ <sup>LLD</sup> from the University of California School of Jurisprudence and has had further legal studies at The University of Texas School of Law. He served as judge for the

City of Victoria from 1948 to 1952, is active in the State Bar of Texas and the Victoria County Bar Association; he was a member of the Traffic Court Committee of the State Bar of Texas, proposing changes in the Traffic Code, and a member of the Family Law Section which proposed changes in the community property law, adoption and parental rights, and treatment of juvenile delinquents; and

WHEREAS, An active religious leader, he is a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church and a member of Serra Club; he is on the board of directors of the Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, In 1950 he was named Outstanding Young Man of the Year by the Jaycees; he is a veteran of World War II and held the rank of master sergeant; he is a member of the American Legion and has served that organization as chairman of the constitution and bylaws committee; a member of the executive board, Gulf Coast Council, Boy Scouts of America, he was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1968; and

WHEREAS, His interests as a sportsman have given him membership in the Mid-Coast Sportsman Association, the Sportsman Clubs of Texas, the Victoria Gun Club, the Isaac Walton League, the National Wilderness Society, the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club of California, the Outdoor Writers Association of America, and the National Parks Association; and

WHEREAS, The statement from his own Victoria Chamber of Commerce speaks for the entire Texas House of Representatives: "We express to Dick Cory our thanks and appreciation and our love for his many years of outstanding leadership and service to the people of this District. For you, Dick, we wish the best of everything"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 62nd Legislature hereby honor Representative R. H. "Dick" Cory, a man of great stature who has served the people of his district and the entire State of Texas for the past 16 years and whose decision to retire from legislative halls represents a great loss to the many friends and colleagues who have served with him and to the citizens of the entire State of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this illustrious Texan, his lovely wife, Marie, and daughters, Mary Beth and Susan, be advised by this Resolution of the great esteem which all Members of the House of Representatives hold for their good friend, Dick Cory, and that Dick and his wonderful family will always be most welcome visitors to the Texas Capitol and the chamber of the House of Representatives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That official copies of this Resolution be prepared for former Representative R. H. "Dick" Cory and his family as mementos of his legislative service and the deep respect which his colleagues have for one of the most distinguished legislators of all times.

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Add names of all members

*W. S. R. #103*

*Dorothy Hallman*

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honoring Representative R. H.  
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**FEB 17 1971**

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**READ AND ADOPTED**

Dorothy Hallman

**CHIEF CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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